



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc

# Newsletter

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**Winner of the May photo competition**



**Paul Breeze: Caught at Burrinjuck, first fish new boat.  
Caught 19 May 2020.**

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# About the Club

The Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc. is a sport fishing club that endeavours to promote a social awareness among its members, single or family.

Members of the Canberra Fisherman's Club are eligible to set Club Records and, upon payment of an Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) affiliation fee, also able to set Australian records, and World records (through ANSA affiliation with the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA)).

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee has the Committee voted to suspend future General Meetings and Outings until further notice. We will review this each month.

## Aims of the Club

- To promote sport fishing
- To foster the art of angling
- To teach the art of angling to new members and particularly juniors
- To promote the study and conservation of fish species and the environment
- To co-operate with and support other bodies with similar aims and ideals.

The Club also supports the Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing, which endorses:

1. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catch to the water
2. Quickly killing fish that are kept for consumption
3. Using only appropriate, legal tackle, attending gear and valuing the catch
4. Taking no more than our immediate needs
5. Supporting and encouraging activities that preserve, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
6. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
7. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
8. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damage to wildlife and habitat
9. Using established roads and tracks
10. Reporting environmental damage
11. Avoiding unnecessary interactions with wildlife species and their habitats
12. Practising courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
13. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering their land
14. Caring for our own safety and the safety of others when fishing.

# President's Report



The Croatian Deakin Soccer Club is still closed but members still turned up to the May General Meeting via Zoom.

Welcome to the start of winter, the final month of our Club fishing year, and our June Newsletter. The days might be getting shorter and colder, but the recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions has allowed us to resume our 12-month competition and we're now going ahead with our July Outing in Ulladulla. I hope that other COVID-19 restrictions will soon be relaxed so that we can resume our remaining Club activities.

In addition, ANSA National, ANSA NSW, and ANSA Qld have lifted their moratoriums on records, Masters, and the state 12-month competitions. If you're able to go fishing, and do so safely, I encourage you to send in your capture forms to our Recorder.

Our next outing will be at Ulladulla on 17-19 July 2020. This will be our first outing since the relaxing of the COVID-19 restrictions. The accommodation arrangements are expected to be a little different compared to previous years. However, it will still be a great outing and please let Zane know if you would like to attend.

While we're waiting for the Croatian Deakin Soccer Club to re-open, we trialed an online meeting via Zoom for our May General Meeting. It was an enjoyable way to catch up with each other. We may do this again for our June Meeting so keep an eye for any announcements in your inbox.

It is still too early to say when we can resume our General Meetings at the Croatian Deakin Soccer Club. The Club announced on its Facebook Page that it will wait until the ACT reaches Stage 3 restrictions before it opens its doors again. Our AGM is not too far off, scheduled for 11 August 2020. We will let you know when the date and venue is confirmed.

In the meantime, it is time to start thinking about your nominations for some of the various trophies on offer for the Presentation Night, and for Committee positions. Nomination forms for committee positions and trophies are included in the newsletter.



Finally, a reminder that ANSA NSW is running a CO-VIDEO 19 challenge. The rules are simple and open to all our members:

1. The competition will run for 90 days.
2. Post the videos to the ANSA NSW Facebook Page.
3. ANSA NSW will then drag them across to the ANSA NSW YouTube Channel.
4. Try and use the word "Co-Video 19 Challenge" in the video via an edited heading or closing credit.
5. No swearing or offensive behaviour.
6. ANSA NSW will chose 3 random videos after 90 days that will win some great prizes and then ask the members to vote on the ANSA NSW Committee selection from our Top 5 for the ultimate winner.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your families, and we hope to see some capture forms and nomination forms rolling in.

Bonnita Allen  
President



# Nomination forms for Committee positions and CFC awards

I : .....

Signature : .....

Nominate for the position of *(Circle as appropriate)*

President

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Position

Nominated by : .....

Seconded by : .....

I : .....

Would like to nominate : .....

for the award of *(Circle as appropriate):*

Club Member of the Year

Most Meritorious Capture

Most Improved Angler

Most Improved Junior

Gold Badge\*

Life Membership\*\*

Brief details of why this person is being nominated:

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.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Nominated by : .....

Seconded by : .....

(\* Awarded at discretion of Committee)

(\*\*Requires resolution at Special General Meeting)

# Recorder's Report

G'day all,

Once again, it's been a quite month for me and I don't have a lot to update you on. However, I am pleased to say that the 12-month comp has resumed for the final month of the 2019-20 fishing year. A copy of my announcement of the resumption of the 12-month comp can be found a few pages away in this newsletter.

Some of our members have already been fishing last month. Chris Head tried his luck for Carp at Lake Burley Griffin last month (but had no luck), Brian and Janine got a few sessions on the Blue Water and took home some Tuna, and Anthony had his best fly fishing session ever out at Providence Portal on Mother's Day, with five Brown Trout. Anthony and Jon Vogel followed up with another session on the Reconciliation Day long weekend, but found conditions a little tough and could only manage one Trout between them.

None of those captures counted towards the 12-month comp, but this is surely a promising sign for the final month of the comp.

It is that time of the year where we do not publish the club results. However, the ANSA NSW 12 month competition has also resumed. I have published the current ANSA NSW 12-month comp standings. Well done to Zachary Zhao, Steve Bailey, and Anthony Heiser for their captures. However, there are still plenty of spare spots left to fill:

- Landbased Game
- Landbased Non-Game
- Sportsfishing Freshwater
- Lurecasting Freshwater
- Flyfishing Saltwater
- Flyfishing Freshwater
- Capture by a Lady
- Capture by a Junior Boy
- Tag and Release, and
- Length-Only Trout.


And you can always knock off one of the captures in the other divisions with a bigger and better fish.

Finally, the Committee has agreed that the species for the Total Length Competition for 2020-21 will be European Carp for Freshwater and Australian Salmon for Saltwater.

Fish hard, fish often, and send in those capture forms. Please remember the final date for capture forms is 14 July 2020.

John Bosch  
Recorder






## CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB - CAPTURE FORM

DIVISION: 1 = Sportfishing, 2 = Lurecasting, 3 = Flycasting, 4 = Gamefishing, 5 = Handline, 6 = Landbased Gamefishing, 7 = All Tackle


SECTION: BW = Bluewater, F/W = Freshwater, BCH = Beach, RCKS = Rocks, EST = Estuary



SPECIES	WEIGHT KG	LENGTH MM	LINE CLASS	PRE TEST Y/N	LOCATION	DATE	LAND BASED	DIVISION	SECTION	POINTS

CERTIFICATION OF WEIGHING: I ..... Declare that I witnessed the weighing of these captures on certified scales# ..... DATE: / / SIGNED: .....


CERTIFICATION BY ANGLER: I ..... Declare that I Captured these fish in accordance with the rules of ANSA. DATE: / / SIGNED: .....



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# ANSA N.S.W 12 MONTH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM



Date Received by State Recorder: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Angler: ..... Club: .....

ANSA No: ..... DOB (jnr & sub-jnr): ..... Phone: .....

## Weight Captures:

Was Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line used in these captures (circle) **Yes / No**

If Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line **was not used** in the captures, a 5 metre line sample must be provided with this entry form.

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Weight	Line Class	Division 1-15

## Tag & Release:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Tag Number

## Length Captures:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Division 17-25	Length (mm)

## ANGLERS DECLARATION

I \_\_\_\_\_, declare that this capture was made by me, and weighed or measured on an appropriate device, in accordance with ANSA rules.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WITNESS TO WEIGHT / MEASUREMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I witnessed the weighing or measuring of the capture.

## CLUB RECORDER

I \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the captures listed above have been authenticated in accordance with ANSA rules.

## Notes for LENGTH captures:

1. Fish to be measured length overall i.e.: end of tail to the leading edge of the jaw, fish laying flat and tail in a natural position.
2. If no witness to length only measurement, a photo of capture on an appropriate measuring device must be submitted.
3. Preferably all claims should be accompanied by a photo of the fish on the appropriate measuring device. Video is acceptable.
4. One entry, per division, per angler, per year across divisions, upgrading of fish is acceptable.

## Eligible Divisions for 12-Month Comp:

- |  |                              |                                       |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Land Based <b>Game</b> Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method)       | 9. Flyfishing Freshwater     | 17. Length Only Carp (All)            |
| 2. Land Based <b>Non - Game</b> Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 10. Gamefishing              | 18. Length Only Trout (All)           |
| 3. Sportfishing in Saltwater Estuaries & Saltwater Lakes                     | 11. Handline                 | 19. Length Only Bass (Australian)     |
| 4. Sportfishing from a Boat (outside)  | 12. Capture by a Lady        | 20. Length Only Bream (All)           |
| 5. Sportfishing Freshwater   | 13. Capture by a Junior Boy  | 21. Length Only Flathead (All)        |
| 6. Lurefishing Saltwater   | 14. Capture by a Junior Girl | 22. Length Only Salmon (Australian)   |
| 7. Lurefishing Freshwater  | 15. Capture by a Sub-Junior  | 23. Length Only Kingfish (Yellowtail) |
| 8. Flyfishing Saltwater  | 16. Tag & Release            | 24. Length Only Snapper               |
|  |                              | 25. Length Only Mulloway              |

## General Notes:

1. Each fish submitted may only be entered in **one** of the eligible divisions 1–25 above.
2. Fish submitted for Weight Captures, cannot be submitted for Length Captures and vice versa
3. To be eligible all 12 month competition entry forms must be with the state recorder within 35 days from date of capture

## Club Championship

### Open

Steve Bailey	364
Chris Lemmon	321
Lindsay Steele	238
Alexander Steele	223
Glen Malam	186

### Ladies

Janine Noack	30	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Sarah Cong	25	

### Junior

Alexander Steele	223
Zachary Zhao	10

### Land Based

Steve Bailey	326
Chris Lemmon	190
Lindsay Steele	128
Alexander Steele	106
Zane Zhao	98

### Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	326	
Chris Lemmon	190	
Lindsay Steele	178	
Alexander Steele	129	
Chris Malam	111	(less than 2 outings attended)

### Salt Water

Chris Lemmon	131	
John Bosch	130	
Glen Malam	106	
Alexander Steele	94	
Mitchell Malam	63	(less than 2 outings attended)

### Most Versatile Angler

Chris Lemmon	4	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Steve Bailey	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
John Bosch	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Glen Malam	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Robert Schneider	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

## Salt Water Length *(Bartailed Flathead, Dusky Flathead, Eastern Blue-spotted Flathead, Sand Flathead)*

John Bosch	10,260
Glen Malam	2,720
Zachary Zhao	1,880
Chris Lemmon	1,760
Mick Jewry	1,755

## Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Alexander Steele	11,484
Lindsay Steele	8,319
Chris Lemmon	2,780
Steve Bailey	2,280
Anthony Heiser	1,660

## Tagging Award

### Board Fish - Weight

Australian Salmon	2.88 kg	Lindsay Steele
Brown Trout	0.85 kg	Jason Rogers
Common Shovel-nosed Ray	1.77 kg	Janine Noack
Dusky Flathead	2.60 kg	John Bosch
European Carp	4.33 kg	Steve Bailey
Golden Perch	6.06 kg	John Bosch
Mullet	0.66 kg	Steve Bailey
Rainbow Trout	2.94 kg	Steve Bailey
Snapper	0.52 kg	Lindsay Steele
Yellowfin Bream	0.67 kg	Alexander Steele

### Board Fish - Length

Brown Trout	480 mm	Chris Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	940 mm	Zachary Zhao
European Carp	720 mm	Steve Bailey
Flounder	283 mm	Alexander Steele
Golden Perch	627 mm	John Bosch
Mullet	390 mm	Steve Bailey
Rainbow Trout	630 mm	Steve Bailey
Sand Flathead	460 mm	Brian Stacy
Sand Whiting	350 mm	Glen Malam
Snapper	320 mm	Sarah Cong
Tailor	365 mm	Alexander Steele
Yellowfin Bream	351 mm	Alexander Steele

## Best Fish

### Fresh Water

#### European Carp

2.60kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

### Estuary

#### Dusky Flathead

1.31kg on 1 kg

Chris Lemmon

### Beach

#### Yellowfin Bream

.32kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

## All Tackle Championship

### Open

Steve Bailey	24
Chris Lemmon	15
Glen Malam	13
Lindsay Steele	13
Alexander Steele	12

### Junior

Alexander Steele	12
Zachary Zhao	6
Jack Butt	4
Zalen Csiszar	3
Alexis Csiszar	3



# ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition – Current Standings as at 26 May 2020

## ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 26/05/2020

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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### DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species

1 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.610	2	96.600
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

### DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.500	2	125.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

### DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.320	2	266.000
2 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.020	2	201.000
3 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	KINGFISH - YELLOWT	2.200	2	165.000

### DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	9.200	4	345.000
2 John Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Clu	TUNA - STRIPED	3.165	2	237.375
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.300	2	138.000

### DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	5.400	2	270.000
2 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.860	2	193.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

### DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 Nigel Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.950	2	247.500
2 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - STRIPED	6.800	6	170.000
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.200	2	132.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.200	2	132.000

### DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

**ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 26/05/2020**

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
<b>DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 10: Gamefishing</b>					
1 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	72.500	15	580.000
2 Ryan Bellingham	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	15.500	15	155.000
3 Leo Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - MACKEREL	6.000	6	150.000
<b>DIVISION 11: Handline</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady</b>					
1 Karen Maltby	Narooma Sport & Game Fishi	MARLIN - STRIPED	73.500	15	588.000
2 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ALBACORE	8.660	15	86.600
<b>DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy</b>					
1 Kobi Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.042	2	102.100
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl</b>					
1 Kaiya Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.720	2	129.000
2 Kaiya Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.350	2	101.250
3 Kaiya Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.240	2	93.000
<b>DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior</b>					
1 Eva Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.650	2	123.750
2 George Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Clu	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.510	2	113.250
3 Eva Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000
<b>DIVISION 16: Tag and Release</b>					
1 Kurt Staples	Australian Land Based Anglers				200
2 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3 VACANT	NO CLUB				0

**ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 26/05/2020**

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
<b>DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp</b>				
1 Jennifer Oates	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN		894.000
2 Wayne Peters	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	CARP		870.000
3 Peter Upfold	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN		850.000
<b>DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)</b>				
1 Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TROUT - RAINBOW		630.000
<b>DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass</b>				
1 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS		480.000
2 Peter Upfold	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN		450.000
3 Sidney Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN		445.000
<b>DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)</b>				
1 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		452.000
2 Stephen Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		391.000
3 Deborah Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		390.000
3 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		390.000
<b>DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)</b>				
1 Stephen Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		990.000
2 Zachary Zhao	Canberra Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		940.000
3 Marinos Euripidou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	FLATHEAD - DUSKY		930.000
<b>DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon</b>				
1 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		635.000
2 Paul Baker	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		600.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		589.000
<b>DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish</b>				
1 Josh Martin	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1240.000
2 Michael Tweedie	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		800.000
3 Cameron Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH		765.000
<b>DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper</b>				
1 Nick Malliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		950.000
2 Darcy Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		870.000
3 Robert Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		860.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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### DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway

1 Paul Fish	Euro Fishing Association	MULLOWAY		1280.000
2 Spyros Vassiliades	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		900.000
3 Ben James	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	MULLOWAY		870.000

### DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	20
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	12
Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	7
Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	6
Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	6

### DIVISION 27: Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	29
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	26
Australian Land Based Anglers	13
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	11
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	10
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	9
Canberra Fisherman's Club	8
Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	4
Euro Fishing Association	3
St George Sportfishing Club	1



# Fishing news and competitions

## Update on the CFC 12-month competition



Dear Members and Supporters,

I am pleased to announce that on and from 12 am, 1 June 2020, your captures will once again be eligible for:

- National and NSW State records
- Masters Awards
- ANSA NSW 12-month competition
- CFC 12-month competition

You will recall that the Club together with ANSA National and ANSA NSW suspended those activities based on the advice of Australian Government and our health authorities that we should all stay at home unless there was a genuine and compliant reason for doing otherwise.

While recreational fishing was allowed in New South Wales, many of the COVID-19 restrictions resulted in inequitable opportunities for our members to fish. However, the lifting of many of those restrictions now allows members greater opportunities to resume their fishing activities.

It is customary that updates to the Club Championship Leader Board are not published after 1 May 2020. Given there is only one month remaining in the CFC 12-month competition, there will be no updates to the Club Championship Leader Board.

Finally, please continue to adhere to social distancing and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions for the safety of you and your families. I look forward to receiving your capture forms over the final month of the Club competition.

Regards,

John Bosch  
Recorder

# Sneaky trip to Providence Portal on Mother's Day

Anthony Heiser



Stephen Dunn landing a nice Brown Trout at Providence Portal.

In the lead up to Mother's Day, Stephen Dunn offered me a spot on his boat on a planned day trip to Tantangara. However, the weather forecast was not promising, so we opted for a trip to Providence Portal instead.

The water was high and flowing rather fast, that we had to use three split shots to get our glo bugs and black nymphs onto the riverbed. The water was also blackish, and some banks were covered in soft black silt from the bushfires. I made the mistake of wading into the silt, and discovered it was like having your feet set in concrete.

I'm pretty hopeless casting with split shots, so the morning began with Stephen catching all the fish and myself looking rather foolish.

But when we fished a stretch of river that previously produced fish for me, I finally got my groove. My first hit resulted in a bust off, followed by a few hits and finally my first fish for the day.

I landed four Browns in that one small stretch of water. The best of my four fish was a male with half his



I learnt the hard way that wading into the soft charcoal silt from the bushfires was like having your feet set in concrete.





Steve Dunn with the first fish for the day.

lower jaw missing. This fish seems to have adapted well to his predicament by using his tongue in place of his lower jaw.

Further upstream, I hooked a beautiful 60 cm plus Brown. As I was playing the fish and walking to a suitable spot to land him, I tripped over a rabbit hole and fell over, busting off in the process.

However, I redeemed myself later in the afternoon when I landed my best fish for the day.

We finished the day casting our flies into Gang Gang Creek as we walked back to our vehicles. Unfortunately, we didn't spot any fish along the way.

By sunset, I landed two Browns on Glo Bugs and three on Nymphs. Stephen caught the largest Trout, and I lost count how many he caught.

This was my first fishing trip since the COVID-19 restrictions began, and I was concerned about the rules on non-essential travel. The rules are not 100% clear and I guess that means our lawmakers in NSW are relying on everyone to exercise discretion and common sense.

Stephen has set out his understanding of the rules in his blog: <https://flystream.com/covid-19-can-i-fish-the-snowy-mountains/>. Both the local police and fisheries inspector were not bothered by my presence during my trip, although the fisheries inspector seemed rather well-informed about our original plans to fish Tantangara. The rules have eased somewhat since my trip but make sure you check the latest rules for yourself, as they are always changing.

You can also read my article in the latest [Canberra Anglers Association Newsletter](#).



Steve Dunn's Trout being released back into the river.





Stephen Dunn with the biggest Trout for the day.



This Brown Trout has adapted well to missing half its lower jaw.





Me with my redeeming Trout after I had earlier busted off a 60 cm Trout when I tripped over a rabbit hole.



Swimming off to freedom.



# Flycasting lessons in the age of Coronavirus

Anthony Heiser



Narelle practicing her fly casting under Stephen Dunn's tuition via a WhatsApp video call.

A few weeks ago, Paul Breeze messaged me saying he had purchased Narelle Tate with a Fly Rod for her birthday and asked if I could give her some tips on fly casting. The restrictions on visitors had just been relaxed so I drove to Harden to pay them a visit.

Stephen Dunn, who previously taught me to fly fish eight years ago, kindly offered to lend a hand. So he made a video call on my iPhone via WhatsApp and delivered his tuition to Narelle all the way from his house on the outskirts of Canberra. Thanks to Steve, Narelle was quick to pick up the basics in fly casting.

Narelle is interested in chasing Carp on Fly at Burrinjuck. So watch out Chris Stolk and Terry Tatton, she has her eyes on the Highest Point Scoring Fish – Flyfishing Trophy at our next Convention!

We hope it's not too long before Narelle is submitting photos of her fly fishing captures to our monthly photo competition. And thank you Steve for your tuition. I first met Steve while fishing Providence Portal in the middle of a snow storm on 1 July 2012, and found his passion for fly fishing to be quite infectious (sorry folks, I had to throw in a pandemic related pun into this newsletter at some point!).



[Steve Dunn](#) is a Certified Casting Instructor with the US based Federation of Fly Fishers (<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>) and writes regularly for FlyStream (<https://flystream.com/>).



Stephen Dunn providing Narelle Tate (top right corner) with fly casting tuition via WhatsApp.



Steve Dunn fishing Providence Portal on 1 July 2012.



# What I do when I'm not doing it: Providence

Jon Vogel, aka the Armchair Angler



## Synopsis

In the fifth full-length fly fishing film from Confluence's Chris Patterson and Jim Klug, Yellow Dog Flyfishing's Camille Egdorf, and South African guides Gerhard Laubscher and Tim Babich team up for an amazing journey and a return to the remote and uninhabited Seychelles atoll of Providence.

Previous Confluence Films include: Drift, Rise, Connect, and Waypoints.

The new film chronicles the first trip back to Providence Atoll since the waters were closed to all fishermen and boat access in 2010 due to the threats and activities of pirates operating out of Somalia. The team returned in October of 2015, spending three weeks exploring the atoll and fishing for multiple flats species including giant trevally, bluefin trevally, bumphead parrotfish, bonefish, Indo-Pacific permit, triggerfish, milkfish and more. An amazing story of adventure, piracy, challenging fish, the history of the area and untouched flats.

## Review

<https://venturingangler.com/2016/10/17/film-review-providence-from-confluence-films-achieves-excellence/>

**Watch** (full feature, no charge)

<https://vimeo.com/417288062>



## Total Length Award species for 2019-20

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Saltwater section: Australian Salmon



Freshwater section: European Carp



**How many metres can you catch?**

# Australian National Sportsfishing Association Memo to all ANSA Branches: Update – impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic



Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd  
ACN 063 293 514

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**To: Memo to all ANSA Branches**  
**Date : 27 May 2020**  
**Subject: Update - Impacts of Covid 19 Pandemic.**

Dear ANSA Colleague,

As you will recall the ANSA National Executive did on 1 April take the decision to place an immediate eligibility embargo on all claims for captures made after midnight 1 April 2020 for ANSA National Records and Masters Awards.

This decision was based on directives from the Australian Government and Health Authorities that in the public interest we should all stay at home unless there was a genuine and compliant reason for doing otherwise.

Being outdoors, travelling, boating and recreational fishing was also restricted in some States notwithstanding possible compliance with prevailing social distance and gathering restrictions. A consequence of these different public health regulations and restrictions was an inequitable opportunity for ANSA members across all States and Territories to fish for National Records and Masters.

Fortunately for all of us these harsh restrictions appear to have contained the spread of the pandemic and many restrictions have been progressively eased and recreational fishing is now allowed in all States and Territories subject to ongoing adherence with social distance and gathering limitations.

Accordingly the ANSA National Executive has decided to lift the embargo on National Records and Masters effective from midnight 31 May 2020. We will continue to monitor ongoing government health regulations and restrictions and if circumstances change we will review the embargo situation. Our member's health and wellbeing remain a priority.

Can you please convey this memo to your club and member networks and emphasise the need for ongoing vigilance in terms of applicable social distance and gathering restrictions when going fishing or engaging in club activities.

These have been difficult and unprecedented times for all of us and hopefully we are on the pathway to normality. Keep safe and well.

Regards

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# ANSA NSW Memo: Lifting of COVID-19 Restrictions



## Australian National Sportfishing Association N.S.W. Branch

PO BOX 481 MATRAVILLE NSW 2036

### MEMO

**TO:** All Club Secretaries  
**FROM:** ANSA NSW State Executive  
**DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
**SUBJECT:** ANSA NSW – Lifting COVID19 Restrictions

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### ANSA NSW – Lifting COVID19 Restrictions

Dear ANSA Member,

With this week's announcement by ANSA National, the ANSA NSW Committee has decided to lift the embargo on ANSA NSW Records and Masters effective from midnight 31 May 2020. We will continue to monitor ongoing government health regulations and restrictions and if circumstances change we will review the embargo situation.

This will also include the resumption of the ANSA NSW 12 Month Competition, which will run from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2020. This will conclude the ANSA NSW 12 Month Competition for 2019/2020. The 2020/2021 ANSA NSW 12 Month Competition will begin 1 July 2020. The latest ANSA NSW 12 Month Competition 2019/2020 update is attached.

With regards to any missed or yet to be hosted ANSA NSW Conventions, the ANSA NSW Committee recommends that strict government guidelines be adhered to, if the host club decides to host their convention. The ANSA NSW Committee will be providing guidance and advice to any host club who wants to run their convention.

The ANSA NSW Committee has made an executive decision that this year the delegates and annual general meetings will be held as a video conferencing meeting that's hosted using **Zoom**. You can join these meetings via a webcam or phone. More details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

As a follow on from the meetings, the ANSA NSW Presentation Night **WILL** go ahead, but it may not be in its usual sit down dinner function format. Of course this will fully depend on government restrictions during the pandemic.

These have been difficult and unprecedented times for all of us and hopefully we are on the pathway to normality. Keep safe and well.

Regards,

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Secretary  
ANSA NSW  
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**INCORPORATING – SPORTFISHING NSW AND NEWTAG**



# ANSA NSW Memo: Fee Structure 2020-21



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### ANSA NSW – Fee Structure 2020/2021

Dear ANSA member,

The ANSA NSW Committee has reviewed the membership fee structure for the coming 2020/21 financial year and is delighted to announce that the following fees will apply from 1 July 2020.

Family Memberships	\$15 (previously \$23)
Senior Members	\$14 (previously \$20)
Student Members	\$0 (Previously \$7)
Junior Members	\$0 (unchanged)

The reduction in fees is a combined result of ANSA National reducing its fees for 2020/2021, which have been passed on the ANSA NSW members and ANSA NSW reducing its fee structure for 2020/2021. We understand that some members and their families might struggle as we come out of this pandemic, hence the fee reduction.

The new fee structure will be in place for the financial year 2020/2021 and will be reviewed in May 2021.

It is hoped that our member clubs pass on these fee concessions when setting their own fees for 2020/2021.

Regards,

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# Monaro Acclimatisation Society to work with NSW Fisheries for Snowy Hydro 2.0 Recreational Fishing Offset



**Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc**  
**9 Thompson Drive**  
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*Sustainable future fishing for trout and native fish*

**- MEDIA RELEASE -**  
**25 May 2020**

## **Monaro Acclimatisation Society to work with NSW Fisheries for Snowy Hydro 2.0 Recreational Fishing Offset.**

Over the last three years the Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc (MAS), the main fish stocking organisation in the Snowy Mountains and Monaro, has been negotiating with Snowy Hydro for a recreational fishing offset as part of the Snowy Hydro 2.0 project. When the Snowy Hydro 2.0 project was announced by former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in March 2017, the MAS became concerned that the redfin perch pest species would be pumped from Talbingo Dam into Tantangara Dam, which so far is redfin free. Redfin are a Class 1 noxious fish in NSW. The MAS was also concerned that redfin would then spread from Tantangara Dam into the redfin free waters of the upper Murrumbidgee River and Lake Eucumbene.

Various scientific studies have identified that redfin perch have the capacity to degrade a trout fishery within a short time due to their ability to prey on smaller and newly hatched trout. Because rainbow trout only live for about three years the fishery can decline quickly if there is no recruitment. Stocking the usual smaller fry or fingerling trout is ineffective as they are just the right size for redfin to prey on.

Negotiations with Snowy Hydro culminated in the MAS recreational fishing offset comprising of a trout grow-out facility being included in the Environmental Impact Statement for Snowy Hydro 2.0. This facility is designed to grow a significant number of trout up to 200 mm or yearling size. At this size they are too big for the majority of redfin to prey on.

Today the Snowy Hydro Main Works Assessment Report was released with a requirement that Snowy Hydro invest \$5 million over 5 years for the construction of a salmonid grow-out facility which will allow for the stocking of larger trout.

President of the MAS Steve Samuels said "Producing trout to a more robust yearling size will give us the best chance of ensuring the Snowy Mountains trout fishery is not decimated by redfin incursion.

"There is a general consensus among anglers that the yearling trout could also be used to improve the fishing in other Snowy Mountain waterways" he said.

While these negotiations have been between the MAS and Snowy Hydro the concept has now been developed to a point where the MAS is seeking co-operation from NSW Fisheries to help progress the project. The MAS has always approached this project on the basis that it is developed within the Snowy Region and operated as an annex to the Gaden Trout Hatchery.

Earlier this year Mr. Samuels wrote to the new Deputy Director General of NSW Fisheries Mr. Sean Sloan, asking that the Department commit to meeting with the MAS to discuss how the project can be developed with NSW Fisheries input and support. Mr. Sloan replied that he was aware of the significance of the trout fishery to the Snowy region and that "I have asked Peter



*Turnell, Group Director Recreational and Aboriginal Fisheries to commence more specific discussions on the proposal with the MAS. I have also asked Mr Turnell to keep me informed if an opportunity arises for me to attend any subsequent meetings with DPI and the MAS to discuss the final proposal and offset strategy”.*

Mr Samuels also mentioned that other authorities would need to be consulted over time, such as the Snowy Monaro Regional Council, environmental bodies and of course there will need for consultations with local communities once a location was settled upon.

“The use of larger trout to stock redfin-dominated waters has been practised by the Victorian Fisheries Authority for many years with great success”, Mr Samuels said. “Our problem is that Gaden Trout Hatchery needs significant investment to increase its capacity to grow the required numbers of larger fish but will still be limited by its water supply; an additional off-site trout grow-out facility such as we are proposing meets that purpose very nicely”, he said.

For further comments or interview contact

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## May 2020 Photo Competition

To everyone who submitted entries for the May photo comp, thank you. I bent the rules slightly to accept your vintage photos, and Bonnie's photo of her father was definitely my favourite, but Paul's photo ticks all my boxes for what makes a great photo: the frame filled with the angler and the fish (and what a great fish it is), no chopping of angler body parts or fish, photo taken at eye level, simple background (and extra points for applying the rule of thirds), and minimal clutter in the foreground in the boat.

While Paul's face is shaded, this does not appear to be a problem with this photo – either the lighting was right for that occasion or whoever took the photo used a fill-in flash. Great photo, and I did get to see the new boat when I visited Narelle for her fly fishing lesson.

I have the gallery for [2019-20](#) up on the website. Please send me your photos.

- Members can submit up to two photos per month.
- Photo comp entries can be submitted via the website, the Club email address ([info@canberrafishos.com](mailto:info@canberrafishos.com)) or [anthony.heiser@bigpond.com](mailto:anthony.heiser@bigpond.com) or via SMS to 0402 560 880.
- Acceptance of photo comp entries submitted by other means is at my discretion – please don't make it too hard for me to access your photo comp entries.
- The photo must either be taken by the member submitting the photo or a photo of the member holding their capture.
- Minor image corrections and cropping is allowed provided this does not lead to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation of the photo.
- The Committee reserves the right to exclude any entries it suspects has been subject to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation.

### List of photo comp winners and recipients of Editor's Choice for best newsletter contributions: 2019-20

We've been a little behind on the awarding of vouchers for the monthly photo competition and best newsletter contributions. To make sure we don't lose track of all the winners, I'll keep a running list of the winners in the Newsletter.

Month	Photo comp winner		Editor's choice for best newsletter contribution	
	Name	Voucher awarded	Name	Voucher awarded
July 2019	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020	Not awarded	N/A
August 2019	Jason Rogers		Not awarded	N/A
September 2019	Chris Lemmon	11 February 2020		
October 2019	Lindsay Steele	11 February 2020	Not awarded	N/A
November 2019	Bonnita Allen	11 February 2020	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020
December 2019	Andrew Butt	10 March 2020	Lindsay Steele	11 February 2020
January 2020	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020		
February 2020	Glen Malam	10 March 2020	Jon Vogel	
March 2020	Zane Zhao		Zane Zhao	
April 2020	John Bosch		Jon Vogel	
May 2020	Paul Breeze		Not awarded	

## March 2020 Photo Comp



Glen Malam: Preparing for the end of the lockdown



Bonie Allen: Jack Allen, Governor Generals Chauffeur, fishing in his lunch break, in 1969.



Brian Stacy: Foam party on the high seas!



Anthony Heiser: Brown Trout on fly at Providence Portal, 10 May 2020.



Anthony Heiser: Interrupting my sister's tenth birthday party by coming home with an Estuary Cod caught near the Hanlon Light Beacon off Peel Island, in 1983. I don't think she forgave me for that!





Jon Vogel: Titan Triggerfish on Fly, Up Close & Very Personal, Christmas Island, 2018.



Jon Vogel: River Blackfish on Cane Rod, Old School Ways, Yellingbo, late 1990s.

**Winner of the March 2020 Competition**



Paul Breeze: Caught at Burrinjuck, first fish new boat. Caught 19 May 2020.



## 2019-20 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Kalkite	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St Georges Basin	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Burrinjuck	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Burrinjuck	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	CFC Christmas Party	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Carpathon	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuross	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	ANSA Nowra Convention	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	ANSA Narooma Convention	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	SES Recovery Appeal Fishing Competition	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Kalkite	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Narooma	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ulladulla	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>

**All meetings and outings suspended until further notice**

# Canberra Fisherman's Club Sponsors 2019-20



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**Membership Fees**

	<b>CFC</b>	<b>ANSA</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>Nil</b>

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